



SUMMER FOOTBALL

2026-2027 OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Affiliated clubs of Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) are invited to express interest in hosting Summer Football.

Hosting a Summer Football program is one way progressive football clubs can provide more people with opportunities to play more football.

NNSWF invites you to carefully consider this information and discuss with your club's committee the prospect of your club conducting Summer Football in 2026-2027.

To submit an Expression of Interest for your club, please complete the form at this [link](#)

Please note that Expressions of Interest **close on Friday 18 September 2026**.

A Summer Football interim sanction will be sent to eligible clubs by 25 September 2026, allowing formal sanctioning to follow.

ABOUT SUMMER FOOTBALL

Summer Football incorporates a revised format of 'the game' with either a competitive or social environment.

Summer Football may be conducted for up to a maximum of 20 weeks, commencing no earlier than 1 October 2026 and concluding by 30 March 2027. Summer Football can be conducted anytime during these dates - for example, commencing in 2026 as a post-winter competition or in 2027 as a pre-winter competition.

Summer Football Competitions running can allow eligible participants to use an Active Kids Voucher towards their registration fee.

AKV information link:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/terms-and-conditions/active-and-creative-kids-voucher-customers>

Summer Football can be played in one of the following formats:

4 v 4
5 v 5
6 v 6
7 v 7

Summer Football offered for age groups U/6 – U/11 must adhere to the MiniRoos National Playing Formats & Rules with emphasis on the guidelines around match results, scoring and points tables.

More Information: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/sites/play/files/2020-01/Playing-Formats-and-Rules.pdf>

If Summer Football is offered to U6 & U7 players, a 4 v 4 format will be applied in compliance with the MiniRoos delivery format.

Except for 4 v 4 format in which there is no goalkeeper, the total numbers indicated in the above formats are inclusive of the goalkeeper.

Match duration is at the discretion of the competition administrator. This flexibility is provided given different constraints at venues, including numbers of teams, age grades, players per team and venue availability.

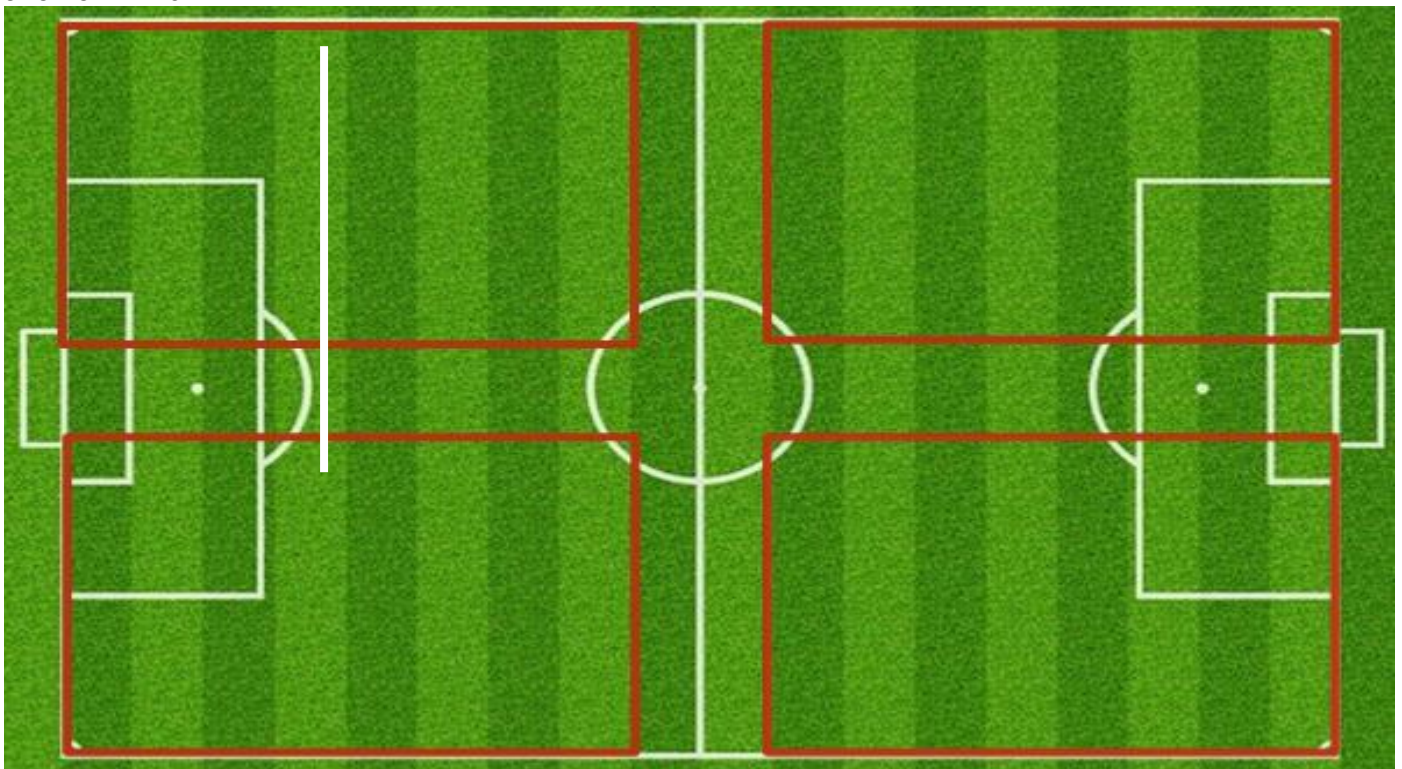
Match time recommendations:

Age Grade	Match Duration
U6 and U7	Two 10-minute halves
U8 – U11	Two 12-minute halves
U12 – U16	Two 15-minute halves
U17 and older	Two 20-minute halves

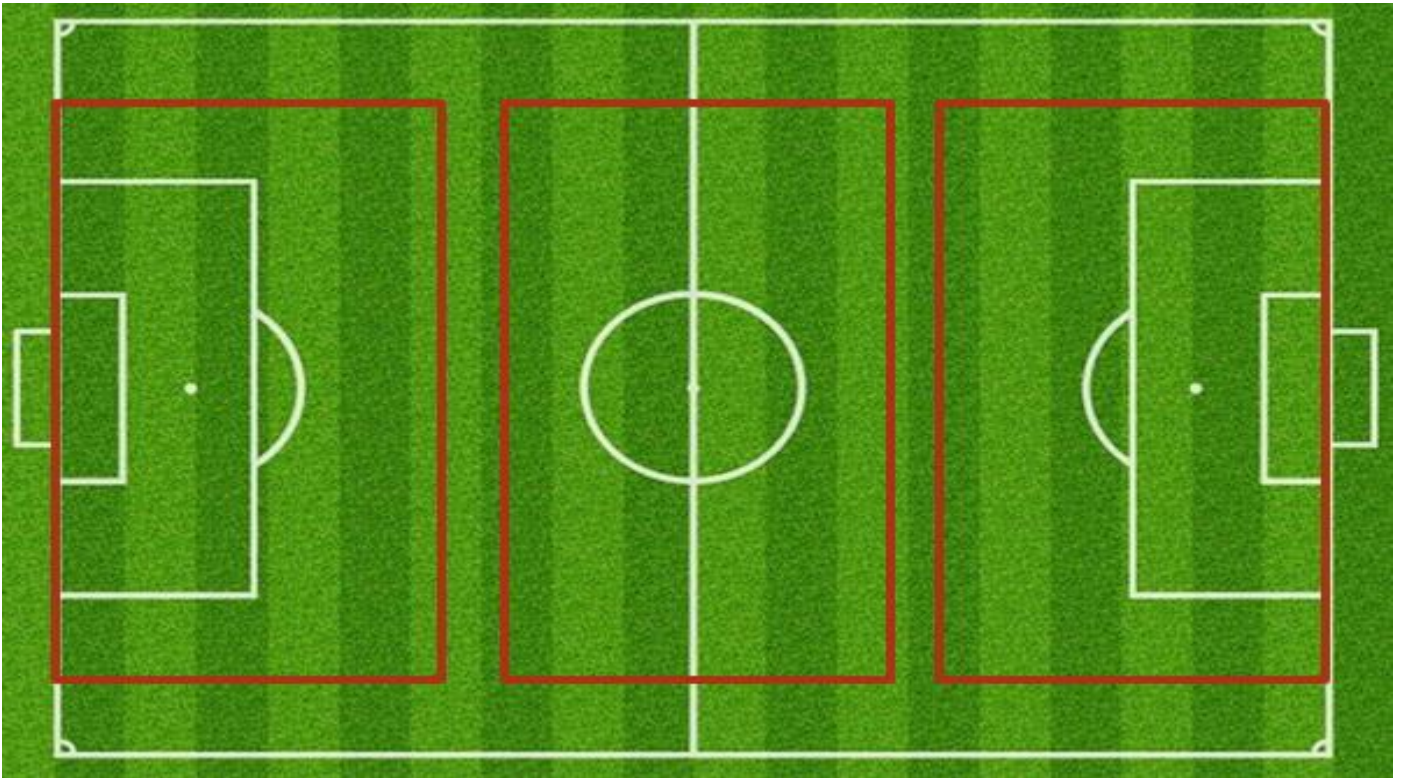
RECOMMENDED FIELD ORIENTATIONS

Field orientations are at the discretion of the competition administrator, with the below orientations provided as a guide.

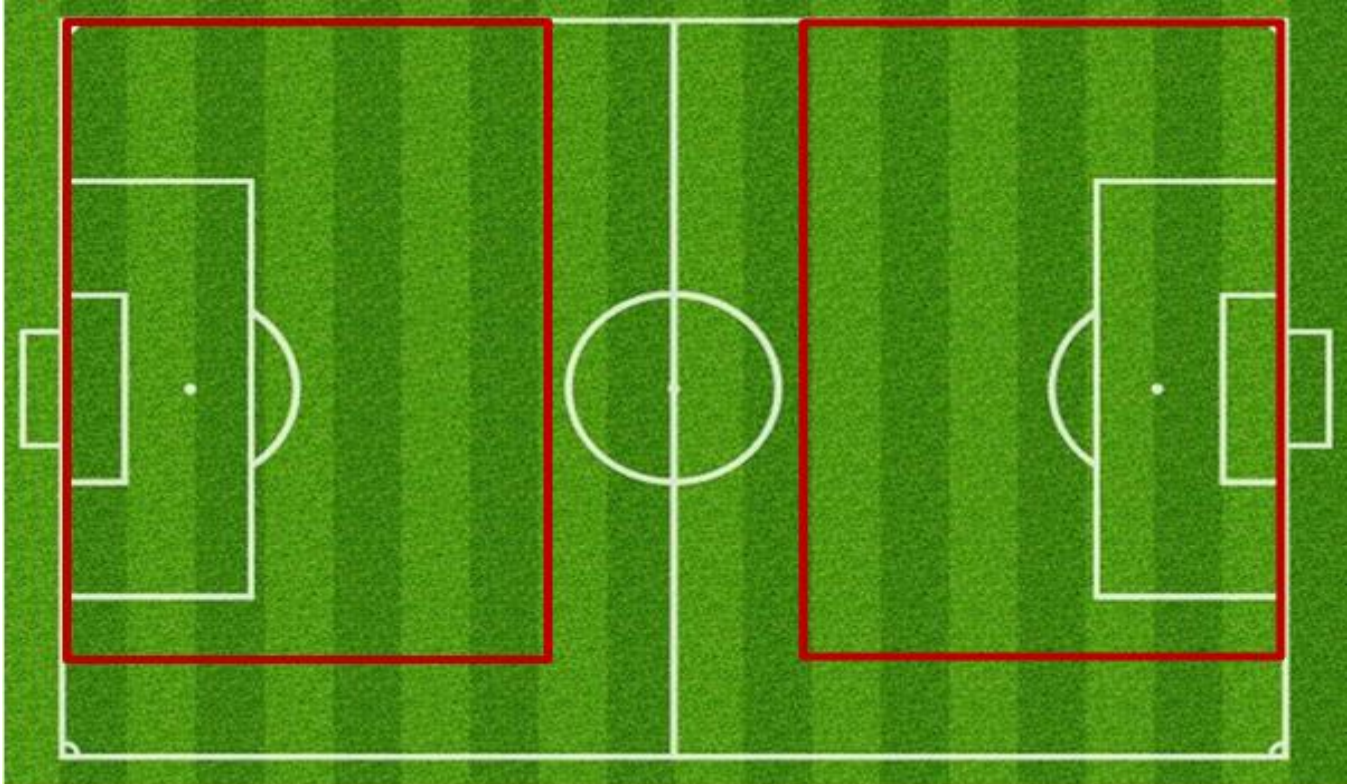
5v5 25m x 40m



6v6 35m x 65m



7v 7 45m x 65m



SUMMER FOOTBALL SANCTION

Any Summer Football conducted by a member club or zone of NNSWF, must be sanctioned by NNSWF and is bound by the National Registration Regulations.

Summer Football will be considered for approval by NNSWF after the expression of interest application is received, eligible clubs will receive a conditional sanction allowing them to begin to promote Summer Football at their club.

The Summer Football sanction will be formalised by NNSWF, after the club has set up registration products in the National Registration platform (Play Football), the club has adopted the Summer Football Competition Regulations in accordance with their nominated format, including club specific regulations, provided NNSWF with a summary of their competition structure and number of participating teams.

NNSWF, at its absolute discretion and in accordance with Football Australia Statutes, reserves the right not to approve a club's Summer Football sanction application and will consider such things as a club's proximity to already sanctioned Summer Football providers, a club's previous compliance with terms & conditions, regulations and any other extenuating circumstances that may exist.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

The registration of players participating in a Summer Football is mandatory and must be undertaken prior to a player being considered eligible to participate.



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As per Football Australia requirements, all players participating in a Summer Football must be registered to that Summer Football centre online through the National Registration platform (Play Football).

A club conducting Summer Football is to promote online self-registration to their players.

REGISTRATION FEES

All players participating in Summer Football are required to pay an upfront registration fee to NNSWF, as per below.

Registered Junior.....	\$ 16.50
Unregistered Junior.....	\$ 22.00
Registered Senior.....	\$ 24.20
Unregistered Senior**.....	\$ 60.50

*** This fee includes Sports Accident Support.*

A Registered Junior/Senior is considered to be any player who has registered to play winter football in the same registration period in NNSWF, as part of the 2026 Winter registration Sports Accident Support for Summer Football 2026-27 is included.

An Unregistered Junior/Senior is considered to be any player who has not registered to play winter football in the same registration period in NNSWF.

For the avoidance of doubt

- Any player registered to a club that is not affiliated with NNSWF or one of NNSWF Member Zones is considered an Unregistered player.
- Players registered to play Winter Football in the same registration period from another Member Federation of Football Australia, e.g. Football NSW will be considered an Unregistered Junior/Senior, unless written consent is received by NNSWF from the player's Member Federation, approving the interstate travel of the player.

A player's registration fee must be paid prior to the player being considered eligible to compete in Summer Football competition.

TEAM FEES

A club conducting Summer Football has the right to charge participating teams a weekly team fee. This fee is retained by the club and used solely to contribute to the associated costs of running the Summer Football Competition and the development of the club and its members. The utilisation and payment of a private provider is not permitted.

TEAM BOND

A club conducting a Summer Football competition has the right to charge participating teams a team bond, equivalent to a maximum of two weeks match fees.

The team bond must be lodged prior to the commencement of the Summer Football Competition and always maintained throughout with the club administrator.



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The team bond will be returned to each team by way of payment of match fees for the last two competition rounds.

AGE GROUPS

A club conducting Summer Football Competition can offer (nominations permitting), competitions to cater for both junior and senior males: junior and senior females; junior and senior mixed.

Any player wanting to participate in a senior Summer Football competition must be turning 15 years or older in that calendar year to be eligible.

GRADES

A club conducting Summer Football can offer (nominations permitting), three grades of competitions for each age group: Premier, Competitive and Social.

PRIZES

A club conducting Summer Football Competition cannot offer cash prizemoney.

If prizes are awarded, they may take the form of but are not limited to trophies or medallions; gift vouchers; goods; services; football equipment; apparel.

Clubs should look to wherever possible support club sponsors when considering any prizes awarded.

MARKETING, PROMOTION AND BRANDING

NNSWF has developed Summer Football materials, designed specifically to promote the fun and social aspect of football outside of the traditional winter football season and to assist attract players to the game. These will be provided to each site contact once an application is received.

NNSWF will promote Summer Football competitions through its website and social media.

www.northernnswfootball.com.au/competitions/summer-football

NNSWF will also endeavour to undertake various other digital promotional activities specific Summer Football competition including direct email communication with relevant registered players and social media promotion. Follow Northern NSW Football on Facebook & Instagram to see how your club can be involved.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

Any club conducting a Summer Football program is eligible to accept an Active Kids Voucher towards registration fees if the club has an updated AKV account with Service NSW.



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COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

A club conducting Summer Football is required to nominate one key person, whom NNSWF will direct all correspondence through.

NNSWF will expect a timely response to all requests from this person, via phone and/or email.